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State Route 52 Cuyamaca Street to SR-67 (Unit 5)



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OVERALL GOALS

- Reduce traffic congestion on I-8 and local arterials
- Increase traffic capacity of the regional transportation system
- Provide direct access between East County communities and job centers to the west and north
- Complete a major link in the regional transportation network

■ THE PROJECT

The project will construct approximately 2 miles of four-lane freeway in the City of Santee from Cuyamaca Street to State Route 67 (SR-67). It will include an interchange at Cuyamaca Street, ramps at Magnolia Avenue, and connectors to and from SR-67. This project will complete the last segment of the proposed route.

TRAFFIC

The completion of SR-52 to SR-67 is critical in that it provides an important link in regional traffic circulation plans. By the year 2025, the segment will carry approximately 110,000 vehicles a day. It will also reduce some of the heavy traffic burden now carried by adjacent local roads.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The environmental clearance was addressed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared and approved for the corridor in 1989. Caltrans will prepare an environmental reevaluation of the project to ensure the there are no new significant issues.

FUNDS

The current cost estimate for this project (Unit 5) is approximately \$166 million. The right of way portion of the estimate is approximately \$91 million. Current programmed funding comes from a number of Federal, State and local sources including the TransNet, half-cent sales tax.

There is currently a \$66 million shortfall in funding. Caltrans and SANDAG are proposing a number of options to cover the shortfall including bonding against future transportation revenues, or funding from the proposed TransNet extension.

SCHEDULE

Right of way acquisition is currently underway. Construction for this section of SR-52 (Unit 5) is scheduled to begin in 2009, contingent on funds being identified to cover the current shortfall.

